

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	1 st	6.00 pm	Lilly & Irudhaya Raj RIP
Sunday	2 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Walter Drohan RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	3 rd	9.30 am	Alec & Moira Marsh RIP
Tuesday	4 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Wednesday	5 th	9.30 am	Margaret Mansfield (ill)
Thursday	6 th	7.30 pm	In Thanksgiving
Friday	7 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	8 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	9 th	8.15 am	Dennis Bevans RIP
		10.30 am	Eileen Godfrey RIP



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10, Paul to the Roman 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

Church: £482 'Emergency Appeal – Grenfell Fire': £768 Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea which can be Gift Aided ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Irene Sedeño Vicente, Peter, Molly Simmonds, Deacon Pat Moloney, Roy Pritchard, Marie Davidson, Yvonne Carter, Lottie-Mae, Gordon & Ann Milne, Finlay, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Krissie White, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Paula de Mello, Bill Hogg, Andrew Kennedy, Ted O'Brien, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Ann Wesley, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Joan Jacobs, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen, Donald MacDonald, Edna Catley

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Thomas Fawl, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith, Robert Turnbull, Lorna Painter, Rev Bill Timmons, Maura Morris, Ernest Howse, William Reilly, Walter 'Joe' Simmonds, Patricia Baker, Ernest Ryan

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. MEETING ON JULY 2ND TO DISCUSS YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE WORTHING AREA On July 2nd, there will be an open meeting in The Barn to talk about what we are doing for young people in the area (specifically 11-25s) and what more we might be able to do for them. This meeting is open to anybody who works with 11-25s in the area, anyone who might be interested in doing so, and anyone who wants to get involved in the discussion! It will be facilitated by Jack Regan, the Diocesan Adviser for Youth Ministry. The meeting will run from 2-4pm. You are welcome to get in touch with Jack if you have any questions - Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

5. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting out ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

6. BRIGHTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2017: Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Our theme is: 'Seek First His Kingdom' (Matt.6:33) Celebrate weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. This year we welcome as our main speakers, Maria Heath, Archie Coates and Canon David Oakley with worship led by 'One Hope Project' and drama from RISE Theatre. Join us for daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, together with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. See poster and booking forms for more information. You can also visit <http://www.celebrateconference.org/brighton> where you can also book online or download booking forms. There is a discount available for families who are new to Celebrate.

7. PARISH BARBEQUE: Last weekend's Barbeque was a tremendous success. Thanks for your support and special thanks to Mike and Mary Aherne for all their cooking and organising and to all those who helped in any way. £704 was raised for St. Barnabas House Hospice.

8. APF RED BOX HOLDERS your red boxes are now ready for collection from the Sacristy

9. APPRECIATING THE BEAUTY OF THE MASS! Have you ever wondered "Why do I have to go to Mass?" "Why is it relevant to my life today" If so this course is for you. Over six weeks in The Barn starting on Friday 7th July at 7pm in an informal setting, we will explore the whys behind the whats of the Mass. The course is not about filling our heads with lots of knowledge but about exploring the wonderful gift that is called The Mass. Week six will be a Q & A session about our faith. Phone Dermot or Jane Anne on 01903 502070, dermot36@gmail.com

10. AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE 6TH JULY 2017: You are warmly invited to join us for the Annual Deanery Parishes Pilgrimage to Aylesford on Thursday 6th July leaving St Michael's at 9am and returning at 6pm. Please contact Fr Chris Ingle at St Michael's Parish Office (01903 264770) or email stmichaels@metronet.co.uk to book.

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases, Serviceable Ladies & Children's Sandals, Flip-Flops, Shoes. (Flat's please – NO heels) Many thanks to all who help in this way

12. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: Urgently needed this month: Sugar, Squash, Fruit Juices, Biscuits, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Marmite, Hoodies, Boxer shorts, Ladies undies 12/14, Washing Powder, Toilet rolls, Dustpan & brushes, Mops (not buckets), Brooms, Tea towels Many thanks to all who donate in this way

FATHER LIAM SAYS: Somebody has said that the Church has been in crisis since Judas left the Last Supper. So many aspects of life are in a state of crisis today! In Britain there is so much uncertainty brought about by the decision to leave the European Union. There is the whole scenario of climate change and how its worst effects can be avoided. We have the heightened threats of terrorism all over the world. Have we the energy to deal with these and all the problems that confront us and find time and courage to address the challenges facing the Church in this country and in our own Diocese? Not to speak of the individual difficulties we all have to surmount. The shortage of priests in our Diocese has been increasingly evident for many years. Twenty years ago the late Monsignor Jim McConnon brought out an important work entitled 'Planning for the Future – the Final Report'. This was in response to the urgings of many parishes for the diocese 'to be positive and to explore every means of encouraging the growth of the Church. Even forming clusters will not of itself solve the problem. We need VISION for the GROWTH of the Church'. The report identified the clergy shortage and made a valuable contribution to Diocesan planning leading up to the year 2010. A subsequent paper took the process forward. Bishop Richard is actively working towards implementing a strategy to take effect early in 2018 that will serve the Diocese over the next twelve years until 2030. At the moment there are about ninety active priests in the diocese. By 2030 it is envisaged that this number will have dropped to fifty. Many retired priests are able to help out as and when needed but the age profile for our priests is such that a disproportionate number are fast approaching seventy-five years of age – a trend that has long been identified.

In the Autumn the bishop will be having a meeting in all of the thirteen deaneries of the diocese at which representatives of each parish will be taking part. This will be all about an interchange of views and suggestions as to how best to go forward. The bishop is in favour of having parish discussions prior to the Autumn deanery meeting so that our representatives can better reflect parishioners' standpoints. We certainly hope to arrange such a meeting as it is vital that we give thought to how we might best play our part in the growth of God's Kingdom of justice, love and peace. A few thoughts that might stimulate discussion!

We might consider whether parish boundaries remain the same. In the event of the present shortage becoming more acute would parishes that have already 'merged' be subject to further changes?

The most comfortable option would surely be to maintain the present parish system. Many people would favour that, even though not every parish could have its own resident priest. Even this would require considerable change as there would have to be more involvement on the part of the parishioners. Each deanery could have perhaps three priests with the assistance of those retired to reach out to smaller parishes. It should be possible to keep parishes strong and prayerful. People cherish their parishes and just because there is not a resident priest does not mean it is not viable. The Diocese should recruit, train and employ leaders within the community, particularly in parishes where there is no resident priest or deacon. Parishioners must be encouraged to believe in their mission and Christ given task of working in the vineyard. Some parishes however are so small that not all can survive in their present state.

It is crystal clear that the present system is unsustainable. Irrespective of the number of clergy it is unsustainable because it does not take Christ's invitation to all his people seriously. We require a new mind set, a new realisation of how essential we all are in Christ's plan. 'I am the vine; you are the branches.' On occasions when no priest is available to lead the celebration of the Eucharist, should the parishioners still gather for the Celebration of the Word and of Holy Communion? Should they be encouraged to do this rather than travel to another church for Mass? Do we have too many Masses? When should they be reduced in number to reflect shortage of priests? Are our parishioners prepared to make sacrifices when changes are proposed? How many would cease going to Sunday Mass if 'their' Mass disappears? How important is our comfort-zone to us? And what will happen if we are expected to sing at the Celebration of Sunday Mass if we have grown accustomed to a 'quiet' Mass?